

SECDEF 2007 SUMMER SAFETY MESSAGE

THE SUMMER MONTHS ARE FILLED WITH HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS, WHICH MEANS INCREASED TRAFFIC ON OUR NATION S ROADS AND GREATER DRIVING RISKS.

EACH YEAR, THE MILITARY LOSES THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE BATTALION TO MOSTLY PREVENTABLE TRAFFIC MISHAPS, MANY OF WHICH INVOLVE ALCOHOL.

KEEP IN MIND THAT THE CHOICES YOU MAKE AT SPORTING EVENTS, BARBECUES AND OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES CAN IMPAIR VISION AND AFFECT JUDGMENT AND REACTION TIMES ALL ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR SAFE DRIVING.

THIS SUMMER, DON T ENDANGER YOUR LIFE OR THE LIVES OF OTHERS BY MAKING POOR DECISIONS.

WATCH YOUR SPEED, DON T DRINK AND DRIVE, USE YOUR SEATBELT AND OTHER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND PULL OVER IF YOU FEEL FATIGUED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL DRUNK DRIVING. OVER THE LIMIT. UNDER ARREST. CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT THE UNNECESSARY LOSS OF LIFE OF OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN ON THE HIGHWAYS.

ENJOY THE SUMMER AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER, BUT BE SMART AND BE SAFE.

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